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CHRISTIAN CHURCHES CENTER

On November 1, the offices of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) of Southern California began using the new Center at 3126 Los Feliz Boulevard, Los Angeles 39. Each reader will want to take his address book and run a line through the last five years' address—4160 Monroe Street. He also will want to change the telephone number which had to be a new one. The Los Feliz telephone will be NOrmandy 5-5126.

The new location, under lease and with option to buy within two years, has let itself exceedingly well to a minimum number of changes in order to provide facilities for the Christian Churches Center. The property is made up of two units completely joined. The western portion is an older building of tilt-up concrete construction, while the eastern portion of the building is reinforced concrete.

The greater portion of the eastern section will be occupied by the Bethany Bookstore which will begin operation about March 1. The space that will be used by the Bookstore was under lease to another person, and it will not be available for remodeling until January 1. Dr. Wilbur Cramblet, president of the Christian Board of Publication, and his associate, George Kiefer, were in Los Angeles three days to make plans for the furtherance of this part of the project. In order to serve Christian Church people in Southern California and along the West Coast, church supplies of many kinds will be available in an attractive setting.

Of major importance in the location is the easy accessibility from the freeway. The Center is just three blocks east of the Golden State Fre way. Two sections of this freewa are completed, one short unit whic leads off of the Santa Ana Freewa and north past the General Hospita three miles north of this section the longer section which extend clear through the business section Burbank. Rapid progress is bein made with the three-mile sectio which lies between these units, and should be completed in a few month

In order to present this Center an its advantages to the churches an the church leaders of Southern Cal fornia, the Board of Directors wi schedule an open house as early the spring of 1961 as possible. It desirable to have the open house on when Bethany Bookstore is complete and ready for operation along wit the offices of Christian Churches.

APOLOGETIC FOR THE DECADE

"It is very important that we do not frantically devise a so-called program of 'spirituality' but that we yield to the will of God." This is not our decade: This is not Disciples' decade—IT IS GOD'S DECADE.

"We must have a sense of presence with God in all the activities, routine and crises, during the Decade.

" 'Spiritual death' is not artificially created but comes with an experience of yielding to the will of God in humility and teachableness. No matter what happens to us, our agencies, even our brotherhood—GOD IS! WE BELIEVE! HE MAKES ALL THINGS POSSIBLE!"

—Virgil A. Sly

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VIEW POINTS

IS TITHING RELEVANT

This is the second in a series of VIEW-POINT articles to help answer the question, "What is the Church?"

Are we a bit, or are we greatly embarrassed? Do we feel humiliated when we read that out of 25 major denominations, the Christian Church is last in its per capita giving? Of course, we can sit around and feel terribly sorry for ourselves or we can face the facts and try hard to find the answer. This, we must do if we fulfill our purpose as a Brotherhood.

One approach which we must make as we seek to pull up out of the dilemma is to recognize fully God's ownership of all things. If we will let our minds be open we will discover that there is not anything which we have, or hope to possess, that has not been given by the Heavenly Father. Yes, we have all heard people declare, "But I earn my daily bread." Yet, where did they get the health and intelligence for this provision? You see, we always come back to the question of Paul: "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" Admitting that God is owner of all, we have a stewardship over all of the "tentenths" as well as the nine-tenths. God expects us to use everything to His honor so I have no right to say, "I will do what I please with the nine-tenths if I give one-tenth to God." But I must be dedicated enough to ask, "Of what God has permitted me to receive, how much do I dare keep for myself?" It was this goal which caused David Livingstone to say, "I cannot think of anything I possess except in relation to the Kingdom of God."

Of course, what we have said is ideal and we are living among people who are called practical. What is the practical approach—where shall we begin? One thing is certain, we should begin, at least, where the ancient Jew did. I, too, do not believe in the legalistic approach to the tithe, for I am sure that Jesus asks His followers to walk the second mile. It is my conviction that a true Christian will go beyond the tithe. For this reason, each Christian should ask, "Where has God stated that the followers of His Son are to be acceptable to Him on terms less than those which he required of the Jews? Anyway one looks at it, no Christian can begin at a point which is less than a tithe. It is my deep conviction that at least a tithing Brotherhood is a necessity to match the needs of this urgent hour, that victory may come in our lives and in the mission of our Lord. This is His way and our hope. It is the only answer to an hour when our western world is fighting for its life. There is always one personal question, "Am I a part of the solution, or am I a part of the problem?" Our Master is counting on us to demonstrate that tithing is as relevant as any of His matchless teaching. Today He stands above all professed Christians declaring, "These things you ought to do."

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ABOUT OUR COVER

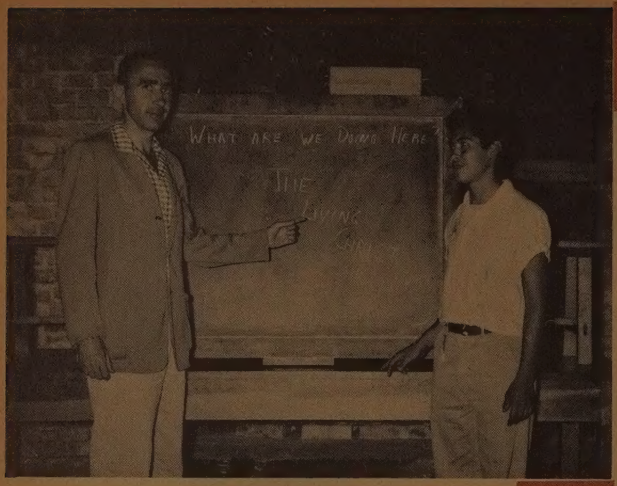
The picture on our cover was furnished through the courtesy of FAMILY FILMS, INC., Hollywood, California.

Harold H. Horn, Layman
Fullerton, California

Tithing has been practiced from ancient times through each age to the present. It was sometimes a tribute; a tax levied; or an act of submission to God. Unfortunately, the appeal to Christians even today is to practice tithing of submission to God rather than an act of love. Jesus chided the Pharisees for tithing to the letter of the law, while lacking and disregarding the more important things of life; justice, mercy, and faith. However, let us remember that He said they should have tithed and should have practiced the other also. For some, even today, tithing is a duty and they are compelled to accept it as God's basic legal standard, while others grow into a concept of the tithe being a starting point for a worthy steward. We need to realize our condition of stewardship and see the level of giving we have attained.

Tithing is relevant to the condition in which we find ourselves. Tithing as an act of love for the Church and in compassion for other children of God becomes relevant. If we are motivated by complete confidence that the Father is the provider of life for all through many channels, our act of giving out of deep consecration may open us as a channel of God. Love must guide the church to be concerned with the plight of man and his needs of soul and body. The best of intentions and even prayers can be of little real worth, if we cannot see and work as a part of the church in the world as God purposed it to be, undergirding it with our possessions, time, and personalities. The needs of men are for bigger and fuller rice pots, hearts, and fellowships. . . not for bigger barns.

Tithing is relevant to our reconciliation; to our faith; to our witness.



The young people were challenged with the question, "Why are Protestant missions in Mexico." The answer that was discovered: "Protestant missions are in Mexico to present the living Christ to those who walk in darkness."

CARAVANA HUENTEPEC

by HARRY E. NISSEN, Minister
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On July 30th, 8:45 p.m., twenty-one tired teen-agers and three very tired adults got off the Greyhound bus at Pomona, California. In the past 26 days the CYF Caravan had traveled several thousand miles enroute to Mexico.

The group had opportunity to see missions at work. At the Morales Social Center in Aguascalientes, time was spent with Mexican youth in recreation. Three of the young men went on a one day evangelistic tour into the back country and the total group toured Hope Hospital.

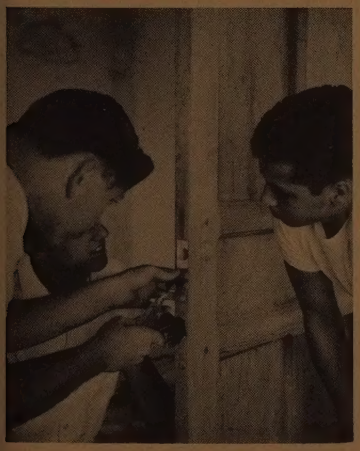
Highlight of the Caravan was the day they went into the Jerez Valley to see the rural work of the mission. The Caravan group left Pabellon at 8:00 a.m. in a pick-up and carryall. Traveling 60 miles north to Zacatecas and 30 miles on a secondary road, our church at at Jerez was reached. After four more hours on dirt roads, a Christian home on the side of a mountain was visited and a short worship service was held.

By 8:00 p.m., in the rural community of Nogales, Zacatecas, the Caravaners were enjoying supper in the various homes of the members of the church. After supper,

The Caravaners. (standing, left to right) Frank Straight, Penny Weisz, Bill Rhoads, John Lacey, Helen Nissen, Harry Nissen, Nancy Vanderpool, Steve Eastgate, Cheryl Winslow, Myrtle Duncan, Mike Riley, Ruth Humberd, Patty Wilkerson; (kneeling, left to right) Joanne Wihalda, Kathleen Saum, Joan Markuson, Elizabeth Johnston, Douglas Moody, Barbara Towell, Lemmel Bonilla, Don Foley, Nancy Vaskov, Chris Nissen, and Dave Blackburn. The directors of the group were Rev. and Mrs. Harry E. Nissen of Glendore. Mrs. Myrtle Duncan of Santa Paula was the nurse.

all worshipped together in the lovely church. After making "good-byes", the return trip to Pabellon was made, arriving at 3:00 in the morning, tired and dirty, but knowing that a great Christian adventure had been experienced.

Many pages could be written about climbing the Pyramid of the Sun at Tectihuacan, or visiting beautiful University of Mexico, or bargaining at the floating gardens at Zochomilco, or seeing a bull fight, but the group was unanimous in declaring that the time spent in the mission work camp was the most profitable.



The main purpose of the Caravan was to have a work camp at the Christian Church school and farm (Mountain of Light Farm) near Pabellon, Aguascalientes. The youth helped to finish the girls' dormitory at Granja Huentepec (A "Capital for Kingdom Building" project); improve the road between the farm and Pabellon; made jam for the school; washed walls at the Hope Hospital in Aguascalientes; helped to remodel one of the missionary homes in Pabellon and hand mixed concrete on the ground for a basketball court for the school. About 800 hours of work in 12 days was given.

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Editorial

ASSEMBLY...CONVENTION... WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by DWAINE E. CERBIN*

On June 21-24, 1961, the annual Assembly of the Christian Churches of Southern California will meet at Chapman College, Orange, California.

Some of us are finding it difficult to remember to say "assembly", instead of "convention", and yet some very deep and significant changes in the life of our churches are reflected in this change of name. The change has been a long time coming. It is reflected in the steadily growing concept of the church and its responsible place in building God's Kingdom. This year's assembly will center its action and thought in the awareness of God's guidance and direction in all we are and do.

As this year's Executive Committee and Program Committee picked up the torch of responsibility from the very capable hands that preceded us, there seemed to be a common awareness right from the beginning that we were under the direction and purpose of God. Not only among those of us chosen for these several responsibilities, but this awareness of God's purpose has been evident among our congregations as a whole. The more we talked and thought and prayed together, the more clearly we felt God's influence moving over all the church.

What a thrilling and challenging time in which to live and serve the Church of Jesus Christ! As we move through the Decade of Decision within our part of Christ's church, all of us are aware of the deep need for spiritual motivation, for broader understanding of the world and its needs, and for more complete commitment to the challenge God has laid before us. We hope to fulfill the great expectations of our Lord as we assemble ourselves in the purposeful business of building God's Kingdom.

What's in a name? Why change from "Convention" to "Assembly"? It is all part of an emerging awareness among us that the church is more than a convention, or promotion of needed services by its agencies, or good fellowship among Christians as we hear challenging and inspiring messages. It is the gathering together of Christ's church—those who gladly accept the responsibility of being building blocks as well as the hands and hearts whose skill only implements the Master's grand design—in the building of God's Kingdom. It is more than just a change of name, it is the consciousness of being THE CHURCH.

Plan now to be a part of the ASSEMBLY at Orange this June.

Mr. Cerbin is the minister of the South Bay Christian Church, Redondo Beach, California, and the president of the Southern California Assembly for 1961.

WHEN A CHILD LIES

The fourth of a series of articles in the interest of family relations.

Lewis R. Eloe, Minister, Director, Northridge Family Counseling Center

The old idea that children more or less abruptly reach an age of moral responsibility may be true in some instances, but in general, character building is a gradual and continuous process. Although "white lies" and minor deviations of children may be condoned, they are not to be applauded. Desirable ways of behaving are gained through imitation, reward and punishment.

Imitation is the most potent force in character building. The child who identifies with parents who demand separate standards for their children and themselves becomes confused and bewildered. They are unable to reconcile Mother's telephone fabrications and the many socially tactful untruths heard from their parents with their own exaggerated reports. Their reports are punished with no explanation. To develop truthfulness in children, one must begin by providing a truthful home atmosphere.

Rewarding the truth is more effective than punishment, but it requires a great deal more effort. It is difficult to maintain the balance of reward as a deterrent to improper behavior and reward as a spur to desirable conduct. The ultimate goal should be to motivate the child with inner ideals and values with which he can judge his own conduct and from which he can gain his own satisfactions.

Punishment for "lying" can be effective, but one must realize that outer controls are being used. The child may use this device for attention and nuisance value.

When we accuse a child of "lying" we are saying that it is a deliberate falsification with intent to deceive. Actually, this is uncommon before the fifth year. Many times when a parent feels that a child is resorting to a pattern of lies, he should take time, in as uncontrived a manner as possible, and explain what is happening. When a person tells lies or falsehoods they are running away from trouble and becoming cowards—afraid to face a situation.

Children have their own code of behavior and cowardice and tattling are usually taboo. The simplicity of truth should also be impressed upon children with specific examples. It is also helpful to show the intricate network of lying, how one small lie may begin and lead to many other bigger lies. Mutual trust acted out between parent and child will gain more in this type of situation than volumes of words, scoldings and preaching.

The basis for lying may be fantasy, exaggeration, imitation, defensiveness, need for praise, antagonism and jealousy. Attempt to determine the pattern of lies the child is using and work not only with the immediate situation, but try to alleviate the underlying disturbance which is provoking the need to tell lies.

For answers to your questions on family relations, you may write to Mr. Lewis Eloe, 8949 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, California. Please send a self addressed, stamped, envelope with your inquiries.

HOW WAS CONFERENCE?

As youth return home after a week of summer camp or conference, they are often asked, "Well, how was it?"

The 1,066 youth who attended this year can report a refreshing and challenging mountain-top experience. One hundred and fifty-two adult leaders shared their faith and lead the youth to deeper spiritual commitment. Twenty-two youth signed cards indicating their interest in church vocations. In witness to this renewed dedication, the young people gave over $920 for outreach causes.

But conference is always more than statistics. It is using a time of quiet to find God. It is the forming of new friendships. It is the discovering of big ideas about faith, the world, oneself, and God.

Every conference is a different experience, as no attempt is made to standardize the weeks to be the same for every one. Each young person contributes to or detracts from the collective impact of the conference. The adults try to use the genuine interest and abilities of the youth to create the best experience possible. With the variety of such interest on the part of youth, and the varied skill on the part of the adults, no two weeks are alike, and no two persons leave conference with the same experience. It would be helpful next year if churches could prepare their young people to expect a unique experience at camp or conference.

INSPIRATION POINT

THE HAND OF THE LORD

by Dr. John A. Tyrrell-Baxter,
Minister of First Christian Church
of Paso Robles.

In Acts of Apostles, chapter 11 and verse 21, are e words, "And the hand of the Lord was with em." What a strength and comfort in times of crisis d insecurity to have the assurance that "the hand the Lord" is with us. To the early church, about nom these words were written, it meant everying—not only personal security, but better still, onderful blessings in spreading the light and life God through Christ the Lord. In these crisis days days freighted with ominous threats, jangled erves, personal and national insecurity—when the hurch must be stretching to the limits in service r God; days when the decisions we formulate as dividual Christians, and as the church must be so omentous, we need to know that the hand of the ord is with us.

Some years ago in Dunedin, New Zealand, on a cold winter morning I was taking my young son to his school. The parsonage was only three blocks from the school, but it was up a steep street. There had been a hard frost, the street and sidewalk were very slick. We had not gone far when I felt the tiny hand of my son slipped into my hand. I shall never forget the thrill that I experienced—his little hand gripping mine. He was happy the rest of the way up the hill; he felt safe and secure. God wants us to put our hand in His as we go forth in life, we will travel a lot safer, and get better results in life if we do.

"There are days so dark that I seek in vain
For the face of my Friend divine;
But though darkness hide, he is there to guide
By the touch of His hand on mine.
When the way is dim, and I cannot see thru
The mist of His wise design,
How my glad heart yearns, and my faith returns
By the touch of His hand on mine."

A MODERN PARABLE

The following story which apeared in some of our church papers is worth passing on to our aders.

"Once upon a time there lived faithful minister, beloved of his eople, who year after year went bout doing good. But there were mpty places in his church. And ie parson would invite his people o come to worship, and the peole would promise and resolve. ut there were places to go and ings to do, and they did not ome. They brought their children or dedication, their young for arriage, and their old for burial; nd they knew the church was here and the parson was there, nd they depended upon them.

"Then the special day arrived, he day the parson had appointed. nd they said, 'Something's up! 'e'll go!' So they brought their riends and filled the church.

"The organist played and the people read their bulletins, but the minister did not come.

"Then all the city was alarmed. Some great tragedy had occurred! But all week he could not be found. He was not there to marry their sons and bury their dead and give to their poor.

"On Saturday he appeared among them, and he said, 'I will speak to you on Sunday. I will tell you all on Sunday.'

"Then on the morrow the people filled the church and the vestibules and the sidewalks around the church. And they waited and read their bulletins and sat and became anxious, and the minister did not come.

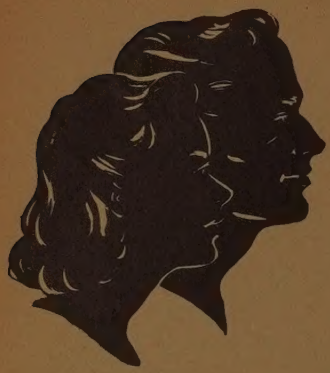
"Then they went out to find him and they searched the city. He was seated under a tree in the park reading a book. And the elders brought him before them, but he said 'I will speak to my people.' So the people came and they accused him of breaking faith with them, of looking lightly upon a great responsibility. And he stood up and spoke: 'Why then have you broken faith with me and not kept your appointments with your God? I had thought a church service was a minor thing and of little importance in your lives. Will you deny to me the privileges which you demand for yourselves?'

"But they accused him saying, 'We pay you to be here; there's a difference!'

"And he said to them kindly: 'You pay me, but I do not work for pay. Listen, my people, and learn. The church is not the minister. You are the church, and the church is what you are. In my action I have taught you something. Go now and think about it.'

"Then the people began to consider the whole problem of responsibility."—*Copied from the San Bernardino "Christian".*

Youth Will Serve----If!



★ Does your church give the challenge?

by E. Dean Canady,
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Christian Churches Office

Decade Goals

Decade of Decision plans hold commanding challenges but few are greater than that of seeking to meet the projected ministerial needs for 1960-1970. Here are the facts: 4,000 men will be needed for the pastoral ministry; 250 men and women will be required as ministers and directors of Christian education; 290 more must be available for church social work positions; 150 for campus ministries; 150 additional for professors of religion in colleges and seminaries; 150 for chaplaincies in institutions and for the military; 147 for institutional missions; 300 for world missions; and another 350 for ministers in other church vocations. These figures represent a minimal projection which can only be met as each church prayerfully and conscientiously assumes responsibility for meeting these needs.

What Can the Church Do?

Begin this month with an all-out effort to give vocational guidance and counsel to your young people so that they may have opportunity to know what the ministries of the church may mean for them as they begin planning for a career.

Disciples Guidance and Recruitment

Specifically, the Disciples Guidance and Recruitment program in its initial steps calls for nine sessions, led by the minister and lay advisors, with the sophomores or tenth graders during the fall and winter months. It includes participation of these young people in a Christian Vocation Conference, sponsored by the State Department of Christian Education, later this fall. This phase of the program is basic to the recruitment procedures which follow in the 11th and 12th grades and on through college and seminary. Because Southern California is assisting in the experimental phases of the Guidance and Recruitment program, it has been suggested that we begin with the ninth grade. This is based on the conviction that many ninth graders are already thinking seriously of a life vocation. For this year only, it is suggested that both ninth and tenth graders be included in the nine counseling sessions.

If the minister, church youth vocational advisors, youth sponsors and church school teachers, will acquaint themselves with this program and the materials available for their use, the youth will answer the call to serve. The program, however, will not succeed until the sessions are planned, the materials obtained, studied by the youth leaders, and then used with the young people in discussion periods as outlined.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
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September 20—President Dennis Savage presided over the meeting of the 35 members present of the 58-person Board. For an hour in the forenoon, the members considered their relations and responsibilities to the Church and the churches. The following items received attention in the business session which continued from 12:45 p.m. until 3:20:

1. Noted that ministers in new positions, with their wives, would participate in an orientation September 29. . .Found that Miss Lucile Smith had devoted a great deal of time in the two previous months to preparing material from the churches to forward for the 1960 Year Book of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).

2. Received affidavits from three new churches requesting their being listed in the Year Book as a bonafide member of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). They are the Torrey Pines Christian Church, First Christian Church of Lompoc and the First Christian Church of Morro Bay.

3. Adopted the By-Laws of the Churchman's Foundation and elected as its Board of Directors, James Ross, Harlan Palmer, Russell Washburn, Charles Goodwin and A. Ray Wellington.

4. Authorized the Churchman's Foundation to sell portions of the property held in Lompoc and in Santee.

5. Noted that all members of the Board are asked to attend the Southern California Planning Conference at Pacific Palisades, January 8, 9, and 10.

6. Authorized the department of Business and Finance to develop a capital fund program to care for the cost of remodeling at 3126 Los Feliz and to make possible exercising the option to purchase that property by August 1, 1962.

In advance of the meeting, members of the Board had received reports of departments and staff personnel. As the session closed to meet again on November 15, all department chairmen were requested to present their reports for that meeting no later than November 4.

PROGRESS

PRESCRIPTION FOR THAT MIDDLE-AGE SLUMP

SANTA MONICA, First—The First Christian Church is facing the problem that most older congregations have. This problem is that the church has ceased to attract or grow.

The problem has made itself known in fact and figures. The leaders of the church are convinced that the church should attract in any situation.

The department of Christian Education concluded that our churches grow into traditional and ritual patterns which virtually kill personal contacts and feelings of belonging. The new task of the leaders was to discover ways to return our people to a fellowship of belonging and concern.

The leaders were convinced that the adults needed informal discussion type study groups. The purpose would be to increase their understanding of the faith but more than this, to provide an opportunity for each person to express his views and hear views of other than the leaders of the church.

An interest finder listing various titles for discussion groups was sent to every member of the church. This list included: *Our Church and Its Future, Needs in our New Education Building, Christian Discipleship* (for new adult members, new youth members, children waiting to become members), *Discipline for Children from Seven to Fifteen, Channeling Behavioral Conditions Between Infancy and Seven;* seminars for those dating, engaged, married with children, married with no children, divorced, and retired persons.

The groups are meeting one hour a week for four weeks. The response is such we are sure that this will be a continued program.

Rev. John R. Young
Minister of Christian Education

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HAVE YOU ORDERED - - -

Your Woman's Day materials? These must be ordered from Indianapolis—CWF Department. (NOT the Christian Churches Office).

Your mission study material for the foreign theme, beginning January 1st? These are to be ordered from the Christian Board of Publication at St. Louis.

Your Blessing Boxes? These may be obtained from the Christian Churches Office (CWF Department). They are attractive blue plastic boxes, and cost 25 cents apiece.

"WHICH WAY THE WIND"

Which Way the Wind will be presented by the Disciples Peace Fellowship of Southern California, during November and December, in the following locations: Central Christian Church, Pasadena - Nov. 6; First Christian Church, Burbank - Nov. 13; First Christian Church, Whittier - Nov. 30; First Christian Church, Orange - Dec. 4.

With one change, the cast will be the same one that presented *Which Way the Wind* at the Southern California Assembly of Christian Churches in 1960. The presentations will will be under the direction of Mrs. Mary Gladson of Whittier, religious drama writer and producer.

Tickets will be available at the rate of $1.00 for adults and $.50 for youth and children, in the churches where the performances will be held.

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UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

On August 25, 1960, the merger of three denominational student movements officially took place. The Presbyterian Westminster Foundation, Congregational Student Fellowship, and the Disciple Student Fellowship will all begin to function under the name, United Campus Christian Fellowship.

In Southern California, conversation among the three groups is producing a regional structure for United activity. The greatest area for cooperation is on the new campus, where all three groups can begin together. At San Diego State College a U.C.C.F. is in full operation. Cooperation is evident at University of California at Riverside, and at San Fernando Valley State College. A U.C.C.F. is beginning at Pasadena City College. There is interest in United work at Long Beach State, Orange County State College, Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, and at University of California at Santa Barbara. With Disciple students on 40 Southern California campuses, our participation as a United Protestant witness will be most valuable.

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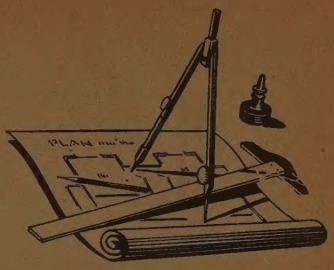
▲ Greetings come to their Southern California friends from Chaplain and Mrs. C. A. Fleming. Chaplain Fleming is the senior chaplain at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska.

PLANS FOR ACHIEVEMENT



During the past years most of our churches have been involved in some type of building program. Some congregations have erected new buildings, some have remodeled present structures and others have added additional rooms and facilities.

In every instance the making of plans was an essential part of the procedure. There were studies made of needs, plans developed for securing of required funds and the drawing of the actual plans or blueprints. Buildings do not materialize without plans.

The same principle applies to the promotion of the Thanksgiving offering. Just as a church might build "something" without plans, so can a church receive "somekind" of a collection. The work of the brotherhood is so vital, however, that the most earnest thoughts and careful promotional efforts should be given. The cooperative program of our churches as represented by the causes participating in Unified Promotion, receive support through the Thanksgiving offering. Of special concern is the work of Christian Education, State Missions, International Convention and the Historical Society.

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ARGENTINE CHURCH OF 50 MAKES 3,000 CALLS

An Argentine church with fewer than 50 members recently marked up 3,000 calls in a week of evangelism, reports Lloyd E. Tatlock, of The United Christian Missionary Society staff.

The church is in a Buenos Aires suburb called "Florida" (pronounced Floh-ree -duh). The pastor, Julio Amaral, is still a student in the Union Seminary.

Mr. Tatlock explains that Mr. Amaral and his family (in fact, every member of the congregation) put their entire energies into the work. The total included telephone as well as personal calls.

Mr. and Mrs. Amaral get around on a motorbike to make calls.

PROGRESS

INTERCEPTED LETTERS

One thought stood out clearly as we read through the letters from missionaries concerned with the struggles in the Congo. Without exception they pleaded for our understanding of this situation. Each one urged us to feel that our Congolese brethren needed our support now more than ever before.

Dr. Weare says: "I think that without exception the missionaries were begged not to leave their stations by the local people."

Allen Byerlee writes: "We, your missionaries who have remained here during these days of wide-awake-bad-dreams, fear nothing more than the possibility that the troubles of these weeks may have caused the churches in the United States to curtail their giving for Congo. This would be a final blow to Congo and the many Christians who have risked their lives to protect your missionaries and mission property . . . "

Mabel Ross tells us: "We kept thinking of our Congolese friends, knowing that they would not be able to fully understand all that was happening around them."

Gertrude Shoemaker added: "There were seven men who remained as a task force to reassure our Congo Christians that we were not deserting them altogether."

Will our concern for the church of Christ in Congo be equal to theirs?

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NEW STEWARDSHIP FILM

"Treasure at Bethany" is the title of a new stewardship film now available through the Christian Churches Office. Sponsored by the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches, it was supported financially by Unified Promotion. The 16 mm., 30 minute movie, depicting the problem of securing leadership for the youth program of a neighborhood church, says very little about money but makes a moving case for the need of "giving ourselves first unto the Lord."

Through a special arrangement, the Christian Churches Office will have two copies of this film until June 30, 1961. During this period a special rental rate of $2.50 will apply. After June 30, 1961, the films will be returned to The United Christian Missionary Society, and the rental will be $8.00.

Both because of the excellence of the film and the special rental rate, it is hoped that the churches will put it to maximum use. Members of the Christian Churches Office staff have previewed the film and have found it excellent. Incidentally, the Christmas theme is in the background.

TRIBUTE TO A HERO

After poring over countless church papers to find out what congregations are doing and thinking we have come to one conclusion. There is one unsung hero in every congregation. He waits patiently upon the whims of the church family. He is a juggler, a patient "Jobe" and above all a magician. He is the church treasurer who keeps things running and the bills paid without money. He operates with a constant deficit. If he would only sell the secret of how he does it the church would be rich beyond belief.

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A CHRISTIAN THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a religious holiday. It was so in the beginning. After the first winter of frightful privation and suffering, the Pilgrims, having stored food for the approaching winter and being mindful that they were the recipients of God's bounty, came together for a period of feasting and Thanksgiving.

Turkey and football should not deflect Christians from the religious significance of Thanksgiving. God has been good to us. His gifts have been increasingly bountiful and we should express our gratitude.

The special Thanksgiving offering received in our Sunday schools and churches provides a channel for the expression of our gratitude. Support is given to brotherhood causes dedicated to the furtherance of Christian work, both in our homeland and around the world.

It is doubly important in this, the first year of the Decade of Decision for our brotherhood, that real and significant growth characterize our sharing for others. Goals for the special Thanksgiving offering should be established in relation to overall objective for the year. Helpful materials, including offering envelopes, educational leaflets, etc., are obtainable free from Unified Promotion.

LET'S PLAN FOR PURDUE

The registration blanks for the SECOND QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY of the International Christian Women's Fellowship have just arrived. This Second Quadrennial Assembly will be held July 19-23, 1961, at Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana. There is a limitation of 4,500 registrations, and it is first come, first served.

PLAN NOW—and begin to work your plan. Because of the distance, travel costs will require advance planning and working. Perhaps Fellowships can pay part of the expenses of their delegates. Start thinking about it, and talking about it, NOW.

REGISTER as soon as possible—the registration fee is $45.00. This includes lodging and meals; program materials; sickness and accident insurance; bus accomodations on the campus; tote bag and other useful articles. If you find later you cannot go, full refund will be made until June 1; half the amount will be refunded until July 1; transfer of registration blanks may be obtained from the Christian Churches Office (CWF Department).

PROGRAM—"Choose Ye This Day" is the Assembly theme. Bible lectures will be by Dr. A. Dale Fiers. There will be a four hundred voice choir. Other features are the oratorio "Elijah"; commissioning service for missionaries; platform presentations and challenging programs.

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EVANGELISM LEADER TO SPEAK

Pastors and laymen in Southern California will have an unusual opportunity to hear a prominent evangelistic leader at the Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church on Wednesday, December 14. The Rev. Mr. G. Paul Musselman, Executive Secretary of Evangelism for the National Council of Churches, who for many years was Director of the Urban Church Department of the Episcopal Church, will lead a discussion group for ministers and their wives at 3:00 p.m., and he will speak to a combined group of ministers and laymen at 7:30 p.m. For those who wish, dinner will be served at the church at 6:30 p.m., at a cost of $1.25. Reservations must be made at the Hollywood-Beverly Church or at the Christian Churches Office by Monday, December 12.

Mr. Musselman returned a few weeks ago from the World Council on Evangelism at Bossey, Switzerland. His first-hand acquaintance with what world evangelists are saying, together with his many years of rich experience in this nation, uniquely qualifies him to bring fresh insights into the climate of evangelism in the modern world.

W BUILDINGS, PASTOR GARDENA

. Lou Cullen, left, supervisor of ilding construction. Rev. George ske, right, minister.

In a time when congregations are nding out "shoots" and establish- g new congregations, the bringing gether of two congregations to make stronger one is news. The First ristian Church of Gardena is the sult of just such a merger with the ristian Church of Gardena and the rningside Park Christian Church of uthwest Los Angeles.

The Gardena church had outgrown s buildings in 1957 and had been evented from expanding by building gulations. It was fortunate to find vo acres on the north side of the ty for a price that is about equal to- ay to the asking price of a single 50 ot lot in the same neighborhood. he Morningside Park church mean- hile was finding that its neighbor- ood, with the pressure of a two- housand-member Baptist church in ie next block was not conducive to rowth or efficient operation.

Preliminary conversations turned o a serious "love affair" and in July 959 the two congregations "married". layton Wilson was called as ad in- erim pastor and a steering committee vas elected from both memberships to uide the new congregation through ne "rocks" to the smoother waters of f mature church-hood.

On July 17 of this year the new astor, George Fiske, and the first hairman of the new congregation, Guy McKinzie, received from Ray Vellington, a scroll of the charter nembers as of July 1959 and a char- er from the Board of Directors of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) of Southern California.

The church is worshipping in a ewly-completed sanctuary seating ver 180 persons.

THRICE-MONTHLY MAILING

In an attempt to reduce mailings from the Christian Churches Offices to the ministers, all departments are agreeing to hold their materials for simultaneous mailings to the ministers three times a month. Nothing special will be produced to go in this mailing for any department, and if there is nothing to go the mailing will not be made.

An index shows the contents, and ministers are asked not only to receive this material themselves but to put it in the hands of responsible groups within the church if this seems desirable.

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CAPITAL FOR KINGDOM BUILDING

Most members of cooperative Christian Churches will recognize the caption above immediately as a special financial effort that was closed on June 30, 1960. Its purpose was to provide money for capital expenditures in specific areas of need throughout the world mission work of the Brotherhood.

Ira Paternoster reports that for the final year the receipts from all sources were $522,650. The total receipts from all sources from the beginning of the program to June 30, 1960, were $3,001,877. Four hundred and thirty nine of the four hundred and sixty one projects are now paid for in full. It is hoped that outstanding commitments from responsible churches will be met and that the remaining projects will be completed.

Southern California and Southern Nevada churches gave $37,076 during the last year, and $165,878 for the total period.

A similar, though newly-named enterprise succeeds this one as of the first of July, 1960.

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STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED

WHITTIER, First—In this day of intense interest in adult education we study everything from anthropology to upholstery. The response to the School of Religious Growth has been gratifying. Whittier extends an invitation to all churches of Southern California to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain directed help in deepening our religious life.

Classes taught by the distinguished faculty appeal to the well being of the total man: mental, physical and spiritual. Those who have missed the start of the fall course will be able to take advantage of the second quarter beginning January 9.

Record of Giving

The figures below were compiled by the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches and pertains to religious bodies of 100,000 or over. This record of giving covers the calendar year of 1958 and was published November 1, 1959. The list in last month's VIEW-POINT was for **benevolence** *only and and is repeated below with the listing of* **total contributions** *given by each member for the calendar year.*

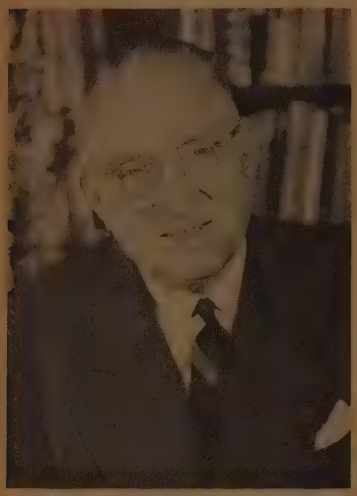
BENEVOLENCES

1.	Adventist: Seventh Day	169.72
2.	Church of the Nazarene	25.68
3.	Presbyterian: U.S.	22.31
4.	Reformed Church in Amer.	22.13
5.	Lutheran: Missouri Synod	18.20
6.	Church of God (Anderson)	15.00
7.	Brethren: Church of the Brethren	14.63
8.	Lutheran: United	14.26
9.	Presbyterian: United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.	13.80
10.	Lutheran: Augustana	13.72
11.	Lutheran: Wisconsin Synod	12.86
12.	Lutheran: Evangelical	12.81
13.	Lutheran: American	11.43
14.	Protestant Episcopal	11.23
15.	Evangelical United Brethren	10.80
16.	Evangelical and Reformed	10.31
17.	Methodist: Methodist Church	9.60
18.	Baptist: Southern Convention	9.09
19.	Baptist: American Convention	8.31
20.	International Foursquare Gospel	8.23
21.	Congregational Christian	7.25
22.	Disciples of Christ	6.53

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

1.	Adventist: Seventh Day	217.31
2.	Church of the Nazarene	133.07
3.	Church of God (Anderson)	110.66
4.	Reformed Church in Amer.	98.24
5.	Presbyterian: U.S.	95.18
6.	Lutheran: Missouri Synod	89.74
7.	Evangelical and Reformed	78.56
8.	United Presbyterian in U. S. A.	78.29
9.	Lutheran: Augustana	73.17
10.	Lutheran: American	70.89
11.	Church of the Brethren	70.03
12.	Congregational Christian	69.55
13.	Lutheran: United	66.45
14.	Evangelical United Brethren	62.67
15.	Lutheran: Evangelical	61.74
16.	Lutheran: Wisconsin, etc.	59.77
17.	Protestant Episcopal	58.33
18.	Presby. Church in Canada	57.56
19.	United Church in Canada	53.32
20.	Methodist	52.80
21.	Baptist: Southern Conv.	51.04
22.	Int'l Foursquare Gospel	49.50
23.	Anglican Church of Canada	46.63
24.	Baptist: American Conv.	45.03
25.	Disciples of Christ	41.17

FAMILY ALBUM NEWS



DR. CLEVELAND KLEIHAURER

Twenty-six years ago Dr. Cleveland Kleihaurer came to Los Angeles and began a remarkable ministry to a congregation and a city. As an expression of affection and appreciation for Dr. and Mrs. Kleihaurer, the Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church congregation sent them on a five-months tour of Europe and attendance at the World Convention of Churches of Christ held in Edinburgh, Scotland. They returned home in late August and Dr. Kleihaurer returned to the pulpit on Sunday morning. A few days later he died quietly in his sleep at home.

Memorial services were held at the Hollywood-Beverly Church on September 19, conducted by associate minister Cameron Meacham. Two pastorates filled his ministry: University Christian Church in Seattle, where he was for 22 years; Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church, for 25 years. A forceful and stirring preacher, Dr. Kleihaurer had been given the highest honor among the Christian Churches: he was elected the president of the International Convention. Many claims of the metropolitan community and of the ecumenical Christian work were laid upon him, and he met them with imagination and vigor. Yet withal, he was a man who was loved by his people and bestowed a great love upon them. Throughout the enormous metropolitan area. Dr. "K" was there in hospital or in home when there was need.

His ministry was made stronger and his life richer by the devoted companionship of his lady, Ione, whose home is at 1327 Westgate Avenue, Los Angeles.

TORRANCE COMPLETES YOUTH CENTER-FELLOWSHIP HALL

On Sunday, October 2, the Youth Center-Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church, Torrance, was put to full use. This growing congregation has been led by Milton Sippel as its pastor for the past six years during which 1,008 new members have been received into the fellowship of the congregation. In six years the church budget has increased $10,500 to $46,600 and world outreach has grown from $1,750 to $6,000.

Multi-Purpose Areas

The new building is 70 feet by 111 feet with a large fellowship hall or recreation room containing a regulation-size basket-ball court. Besides this, there are five classrooms, kitchen, rest rooms and showers, and ample storage space.

The building was designed by Roy Bayer, a member of the church, and other members gave their labor under the competent supervision of Louis Culler who has been the builder of all units on the property.

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Shhh!!

BRAWLEY, First—Rev. Edward J. Pollard, in encouraging his church family to enter the house of God in a worshipful silence, delivered this sentence sermon:

"When you enter the house of the Lord open your heart and close your lips."

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NINE RECRUITS IN TRAINING

BAKERSFIELD—As the college term opens this fall, six young men and two young women from the Second Christian Church of Bakersfield traveled to Christian Church colleges to continue their preparation for full-time Christian service. Several are planning careers in youth work, others in the ministry, and one as a medical missionary.

One young man recently finished his term in service in the navy and another soon completes his military service and will continue in preparation for the youth ministry.

This congregation is less than three years old without a church building in which to worship, yet their 150 members have an evangelistic zeal and a growing record of missionary support, according to pastor, Harry E. Berg.

CHAPMAN COLLEGE

ORANGE—The 1960-61 academic year opened at Chapman College on September 15. Both day and evening division classes started on that date with an increased enrollment.

The faculty held a two-day retreat at Loch Leven Conference Grounds. The program was in charge of Dr. George T. Tade, Dean of the College. Dr. E. V. Pullias of U.S.C. was a guest speaker on the subject, "A Decade of Decision in California Higher Education". President John L. Davis spoke on "Our Present Status and the Decade Ahead".

A group of six students presented a panel discussion on the subject, "Chapman College as We See It". Participating in the panel, which was moderated by Prof. Netter Worthington, were: Colleen Richardson, Kenneth Ford, Diana Scott, Mark Messer, Barbara Searle, and Richard Wetzell. Chapman College served a total of 1,534 students during the past academic year.

460 were enrolled in the regular day college
361 were enrolled in the afternoon and evening division
731 were enrolled in the summer school

New full-time faculty members include: Dr. Bruce C. Browning, Professor of Education and Chairman of the Division of Graduate Studies; Dr. Ronald Huntington, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion; Mr. Henry Kemp-Blair, Instructor in Speech and Drama; Mr. Kenneth Luis Miller, Assistant Professor of Spanish and Assistant Dean of Students; Miss Thelma H. Pearson, Associate Professor of Home Economics; Mr. Guy Wainscott, Business Manager; and Mrs. Ola M. Whitaker, Head Resident of the Women's Residence Hall.

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SURPRISE!!!

HUNTINGTON PARK, First, September 4—A surprise reception for Dr. and Mrs. LeVern Freeman was held in the Fellowship Hall. A light buffet supper was served following which a skit entitled "The Freemans Abroad" was presented, depicting some of their experiences while attending the World Convention and sightseeing through Europe.

RISTMAS IS FOR OUR A HOMES

'Since the beginning of the church, ristians everywhere have tried to et human needs. Just as Jesus had npassion on the poor, the sick, the nd, the mentally disturbed, the neg- ted and rejected, so the church s tried to follow His example.

Since 1887, the National Benevo- nt Association of the Christian urches (Disciples of Christ) has en the instrument by which an or- nized and orderly program of benev- nce has been administered. This ar over 900 children, who were andoned, neglected, or unwanted, nd security and love in seven NBA mes for children. Seven hundred d eighty three aging members of the ristian Churches, who were lonely, wanted, or without sufficient funds, ve had comfort and Christian com- nionship in the ten NBA Homes for e aging. The benevolent outreach of r NBA Homes is limited only by e amount of support which members our concerned churches regularly ovide.

The NBA Family Circle would ve you know of their happiness, ace of mind, and deep gratitude as urches plan to observe the "Christ- as Offering for Benevolence" on ecember 18 or December 25, 1960. ecial materials have been prepared r churches to promote a generous hristmas offering, which is the ecial Day for Benevolence in the rotherhood Calendar. They are free. our material gifts should be sent irect to the California Christian ome, 8417 East Mission, Rosemead, alifornia (P.O. Box 148, San Gab- el, California). Your cash offerings hould be sent either to the Cali- rnia Christian Home or to the ational Benevolent Association, 6th Floor, Landreth Building, St. ouis 2, Missouri.

Thanks for keeping these NBA lome doors open. Who knows but what some day they may swing open o you, or your loved ones, in an hour f great need.

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MARRIAGE OF SULIE MC CONNELL

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. McConnell nnounce the marriage of their daugh- er, Sulie Ann, to Robert Walter Short, Jr. The wedding was held at he State Street Christian Church in Redlands.

Mr. and Mrs. Short are at home at 782 North Shattuck, Orange, Cali- ornia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McConnell are he managers at Loch Leven Confer- nce Grounds, located fourteen miles above Redlands, owned by the Chris- ian Churches (Disciples of Christ) of Southern California.

NEW CHAPEL AT DOWNEY

The Downey Memorial Christian Church dedicated its lovely new chapel at 3:00 p.m. on October 2. This chapel, financed completely by the local congregation, will serve as a sanctuary until permanent first units can be constructed.

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EVERY MEMBER COMMUNION!

AZUSA, October 2—Members of the First Christian Church received the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday—either in the service of worship or, if not present at church, officers served them at their home. This was done on the recommendation of the Worship Department.

"We had our largest attendance since Easter," reports minister Paul Farrell.

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SAN CLEMENTE—The wife of the pastor of the First Christian Church here had a hospital experience in late September. Mrs. Jesse Harden underwent surgery at the South Coast Hospital in Laguna Beach and has been progressing steadily since her return home.

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OPERATION INTERNATIONAL

WHITTIER—First Christian Church is sponsoring a program of international understanding and goodwill, known as *Operation International.*

It is a program directed at foreign students and geared to accomplish the following things: 1. To bring foreign students into closer relationship to an American family. 2. To help church families to develop a better understanding of peoples from other countries. 3. To enrich the sense of brotherhood within the church and the community. 4. To bring about cords of human understanding between the people of this nation and other nations that can be woven into the fabric of world peace.

A host family in the church entertains a student from another country, who attends a nearby university, for a full day, say from Friday evening through Saturday evening. By such a visit a host family will discover the things that make them different from peoples from other countries, and they will also discover the areas of similarities.

In speaking of the advantages to be derived by the international student, the pastor, Dr. Dallas Gladson, points out that many students come to this country without sponsorship. Their contacts and experiences are limited and many times negative. *Operation International* can make America personal to the students from abroad.

FIRST NEW CHURCH OF DECADE

The first new church of the decade was begun on September 18. The Hillside Christian Church, San Bernardino, had 38 present at its first service and approximately 50 on September 25. A temporary steering committee has been appointed and the church has had an enthusiastic beginning. There were 19 persons who united with this church at its first invitation on September 25. The church school was organized on October 2.

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BEGINS 19TH YEAR

BURBANK, October 2—Morris R. Bigbee today began his 19th year as the minister of The Little White Chapel. A special anniversary service in the evening found the pastor showing pictures and telling of his summer's World Convention experiences.

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BURN MORTGAGE AFTER 3 YEARS

September 25 was a day of great rejoicing at the 105th Street Christian Church in Los Angeles. The mortgage on the property at 10500 Avalon was burned before a sanctuary packed with members and friends following three years of growth at this location.

S. M. Spencer, the pastor, had generous support from the members of the congregation on this occasion when Dr. James Parrott, State Secretary, was guest speaker.

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DELHAVEN CELEBRATES

The Delhaven Christian Church in La Puente celebrated its fourth anniversary the first Sunday of October. Delhaven was the last of the churches constructed under the Mid-Century Church Extension program of the 50's. Since that Sunday in 1956 when 97 people, over half of which were friends and well-wishers from other congregations, met together in a converted residence on the property, a sanctuary-social hall building was constructed by Mid-Century and a four classroom educational wing was recently dedicated by the congregation.

The congregation now numbers over 300 and has been self-supporting for two years. This is not said boastfully for this has been the case in all of the Mid-Century churches of the 50's and will be the case in the New Church Advance program. These will grow and a harvest will be realized through the support and concern of the established churches of Southern California. With this continued support and concern we can look forward to greater things in the "Decade of Decision".

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 1	Stewardship Committee
Nov. 2	Dept. of Urban Church
Nov. 3	Decade of Decision
Nov. 3	R. E. Department
Nov. 3	VIEW-POINT Comm.
Nov. 4	World Community Day
Nov. 5, 6	CMF-Riverside Dist. Retreat, Loch Leven
Nov. 6	End of Christian Literature Week
Nov. 7	CWF Executive Com.
Nov. 7-12	Group Life Workshop, Loch Leven
Nov. 9	Children's Work Com.
Nov. 11	Churchman's Foundation
Nov. 14	Dept. of New Church Ad
Nov. 15	Board of Directors
Nov. 19	CMF President's Conf., Loch Leven
Nov. 20	Fall Evangelism Adv. Dist. Training III
Nov. 20	Thanksgiving Sunday
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 25	Christian Churches Office Closed
Nov. 26, 27	SOY Conf., Mar Casa
Nov. 30	Missionary Edu. Workshop, Children's Com.

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SANTA BARBARA—Slow but steady recovery of his health is coming to the minister of the First Christian Church who underwent surgery. Karl W. Tuttle was able to work a little each day during October and planned to begin preaching about November 1.

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▲ Mrs. Marie Davis, office secretary for the Department of Christian Education, underwent surgery in the early part of October. Her recovery has been encouraging. She has been greatly missed by her associates in the Christian Churches Office and by the many people in the churches who depend on her efficient help.

NEW FLAG IN GLENDALE

A new 50-Star Flag was presented recently to the Central Christian Church in Glendale, California, in memory of Mr. Earl E. Baldwin, who had served in every capacity of leadership in the church during his membership. The flag was presented by the Challengers Class. Those in the picture from left to right are Mrs. Cecil Miller, secretary of the class; Mr. George Thornton, president; Mr. Richard Lord, chairman of the Board of Trustees receiving the flag, and the pastor, Rev. B. Frank Cron.

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TRAVELING ON!

Their friends will remember that Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wilson a few months ago set out to visit the churches where they had pastored during their ministry. In late September they wrote, "We are having a wonderful trip and soon will be at Paris, Tennessee. Over 10,000 miles traveled to date in the U.S.A. and Canadian Rockies. Eight national parks were visited. We are a bit travelworn but well."

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YOUTH WORK CAMPING

All interested youth leaders are invited to an orientation and planning meeting for Youth Work Camps on November 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the new Christian Churches Office. Camps will be planned for Easter week. In the past such work camping has been most effective when several churches have gone together to a needy area.

HISTORY MAKER

BELLFLOWER, First—This congregation was proud to list First Lt. Robert Counts of the United States Air Force as a member. Lt. Counts is navigator on the plane which caught the space capsule over the Pacific Ocean.

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FALL FUNCTIONAL INSTITUTES WELL ATTENDED

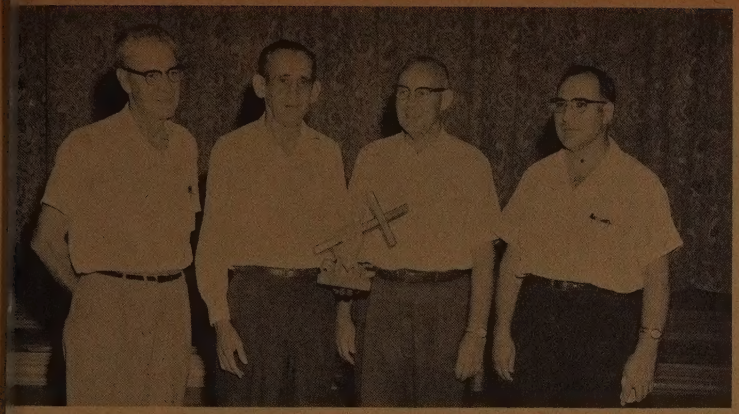
The last of the district Fall Functional Institutes was held at San Pedro September 27, the ninth such gathering since September 17 when the series began at the First Christian Church, North Hollywood.

Held in 1960 only for the second year, the purpose of these is to provide specific training for the departmental workers in local churches as they begin their year's work with the opening of the Fall program. Representation of the cooperative churches was good, and attendance was heartening in every case and surprisingly fine in a few.

The chairmen of the state departments along with the district presidents who carried primary responsibility for the development of the Institutes, express their sincere thanks to the host churches and to the leaders of the Institutes in the nine communities.

An evaluation of the Institutes, held immediately after the last session, indicated that looking forward to 1961, more specific equipment needs to be provided. The day of helping department people understand what their jobs are is pretty well past, and in the future the need is to provide the finest insight and skills for workers who attend. This will be the objective of the Institutes as they are planned for 1961. Russell Hensley has accepted the responsibility of developing these plans.

Consideration is being given to a pilot project in one of the districts which will provide a more inclusive training than the Institutes have provided in the past.



C.M.F. Night, 75th Anniversary, Riverside First Christian
Left to right: Tom Green, State Director; Claude Mason, State Chairman CMF; Alan Remy, President, Riverside CMF; Don Dobbs, District President.

ROWTH OF THE CHURCH

RIVERSIDE—The First Christian hurch recently observed their 75th nniversary emphasizing the growth f the various departments of the hurch life by "special" nights. On eptember 12 the Christian Men's Felowship presented the physical and piritual growth of the church by isually displaying pictures to help ell the church's story since its oranization in 1906. Although the CMF as not organized until 1945, the trong participation of the men in the hurch school program, the choir, and nen's work, was reported by two of heir members. Since the organization f their CMF, Riverside has produced wo of the State CMF Presidents. A pecial presentation was made of the MF emblem to the Riverside CMF in onor of their 75th Anniversary.

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CHURCH SCENE OF "SHOOTING"

An emergency polio immunization clinic was held September 12, 1960, at the First Christian Church, 6750 Lindley Avenue, Reseda, California, sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship. The response was substantial enough to warrant scheduling additional clinics on September 26 and October 24 to administer the the necessary second and third shots.

Over a thousand persons from the surrounding community participated in the "dollar-a-shot" clinic which opened the day school started. Hours were from 3:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Mrs. Otto Daum, CWF president, had proposed the clinic to the church's Board in a special session saying that two doctors, although not associated with the congregation have volunteered to administer the vaccine. The Board's encouragement of the program was unanimous.

A "FUR" PIECE

LAS VEGAS, First—Their church paper "The Visitor" reports this news item: "A promotion in his work called for Ray Gillette's moving from Death Valley to Dyer, Nevada. We are grateful for the advancement but we regret that he cannot be with us as often as he was when he drove only 120 miles each way to church."

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NEW IN CMF

November 18 and 19 are dates scheduled for the first CMF local president's retreat at Loch Leven. Many have requested information regarding their duties as leaders of the men in their churches and we will consider objectives for the Decade of Decision which were presented at the National Commission meeting in June.

CHURCH EMPLOYMENT

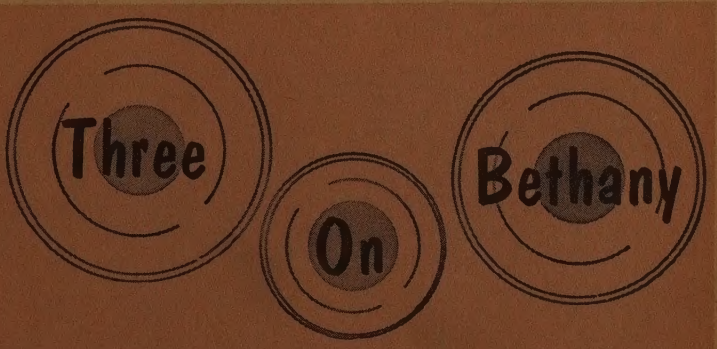
▲ Miss Terri Maher, 622 Broadway, Hawthorne, California, is interested in working in a church office in the Glendale area or vicinity. She is skilled in general office work. Call the Westchester Christian Church, OR 7-6149.

▲ Mr. James Tippey, 776 North Hoover, Apartment 301, Los Angeles, is interested in a position as choir director. He has a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Indiana and attended Union Theological Seminary, New York. He is 28 years old and has had experience in choir work. Contact him at the above address or his phone—NOrmandy 2-2895.

▲ Marjorie Kay Ellis, 1610-A California Avenue, Santa Monica, is interested in church secretarial work. She was a bookkeeping major in high school and a business major in college. Her skills include light typing, adding machine, addressograph, and filing. Phone EX 3-7585.

GRADUATES FROM SEMINARY

The friends of Traverce W. Harrison, the Executive Secretary of the Bakersfield Council of Churches, will be interested to know that his son, Traverce, Jr., is a recent graduate from Drake University where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree. The younger Mr. Harrison is now the minister of the church at Stanhope, Iowa.



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LA MESA, September 25—Leaders of the Christian Churches of San Diego joined with the congregation of the Vista La Mesa Christian Church here to install Richard Davis as the new pastor. Dr. Wayne Neal, executive secretary of the Council of Churches of San Diego participated in the service on behalf of the ecumenical church.

Mr. Davis and his family came to the San Diego area from Sharpsburg, Kentucky, where he had been the pastor while attending the College of the Bible at Lexington, Kentucky.

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LYNWOOD, October 16—A service of installation today at First Christian Church signaled the formal relationship of a new minister with this congregation. Elbert Reeder had begun serving the congregation only a few Sundays earlier. After having served a new church, Mr. Reeder ministered to the First Christian Church in Vicksburg, Mississippi, before he and his family moved to California. The parents of Mrs. Reeder live in El Monte.

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BARSTOW—Hermon Burke and his family have arrived here where on September 5 he began his ministry with the First Christian Church.

Formerly having administered in Northern California, Mr. Burke came from Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was a member of the staff of the Church Development Department of the United Christian Missionary Society.

EL MONTE, October 5—Arthur F. Morrill is the interim minister at First Christian, chosen last night. While a newcomer to the Southland, he led in establishing the Western Hills Christian Church in Mobile, Alabama, which has just called its first full-time minister.

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ONTARIO—On December 1, Byron Mayfield will become the pastor of the First Christian Church here. The Mayfield family had lived in California prior to Mr. Mayfield's having been a pastor in Texas, then he came to the associate ministry of the First Christian Church in Santa Ana where he has served in valuable ways the last four years.

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LOS ANGELES, October 2—An announcement was made at the Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church today of the appointment of Cameron Meacham as the interim minister, following the recent death of Dr. Cleveland Kleihaurer.

During the month in which Dr. and Mrs. Kleihaurer were in Europe, Mr. Meacham, who has served as the associate minister of Hollywood-Beverly, had ably carried the leadership responsibility at Hollywood-Beverly, and the congregation feels fortunate that Mr. Meacham is available and willing to render this important phase of this inner-city church.

The short period of life is long enough for living well and honourably. —*Cicero.*

COOK RETURNS TO "HIS" CANYON

After completing an interim ministry with the Christian Church in Rochester, Minnesota, Dr. and Mrs. Leland Cook, Sr., have returned to their canyonside home, San Diego 4, at 3157 Ivy.

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VISTA—Dr. Marshon DePoister is serving as the interim minister of the First Christian Church here. He and his family are now living in San Diego where he is a professor at California Western University.

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ARTESIA—While the Artesia Christian Church seeks a permanent minister, Curtis Moody is serving as its interim minister.

Mr. Moody presently is serving at the Fairview Hospital for retarded children in Costa Mesa.

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LOMPOC—Rev. Louis Mayo, minister who lives in Compton, is serving the new congregation at the First Christian Church here while the search continues for a permanent, full-time minister.

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▲ A former issue of VIEW-POINT told that C. M. Ridenour had gone to Phoenix to serve an interim pastorate. Due to a change in plans, Mr. Ridenour did not go, and he and his lady are now at home in Pasadena.

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